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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Kenji KANEKO et al.

Appln. No : 09/938,663

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Examiner: Seung SOHN

For : A SURVEYING INSTRUMENT HAVING AN OPTICAL DISTANCE
METER AND AN AUTOFOCUS SYSTEM, AND A SURVEYING
INSTRUMENT HAVING A DETACHABLE AUTOFOCUS SYSTEM

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 28, 2003, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response which expires on June 30, 2003 (June 28, 2003 falling on a Saturday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 29 as follows (A "marked up" copy of these claims is provided as an attachment to this Response):